



The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patricxbourne - Bekesbourne

Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches:

Sunday 8th August 2021, 10th Sunday of Trinity

Today's Readings:

1 Kings 19.4-8; Ephesians 4.25-5.2; John 6.35,45-51

Upcoming Services:

15th August 10.00am St Mary's Patricxbourne

22nd August 10.00am St Mary's Lower Hardres

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be
persistent in prayer, give us
patience and courage never to
lose hope, but always to bring our
prayers before you; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have
willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who
trust in you: look upon us with
your favour that we who follow
the path of your will may never
wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

1 Kings 19.4-8;

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Ephesians 4.25-5.2;

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

John 6.35,45-51

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Parish News

Save the Date!

Parish Quiz Night in Support of New Life Nyambene (changing the lives of Kenyan children) **Friday 15th October at Lower Hardres Village Hall.**

Supporting our church financially

If you would like to donate to the work of the church you can use our online giving at: <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/50a9529f-4dc5-4e6e-a429-ce51883d637b>

or you can pop a cheque (payable to 'PCC Patrixbourne with Bridge') through the Vicarage door.

Covid safe church

As a church we take seriously our commitment to caring for one another and so the PCC and churchwardens have chosen to keep a number of Covid-safety measures in place. Socially distant seating is still available in our churches. We strongly advise the wearing of masks while in the building and that you refrain from overly long social contact. Communion will be distributed in one kind (just the bread) and on the way-out weather permitting. A maximum of 2 hymns may be sung in the building while everyone is masked and the final hymn sung outside as we have been doing. Thank you for caring for one another in this way.

August Sundays

To celebrate the joy of being able to worship together in each of our churches we will once again hold single services at 10am on the Sundays during August as follows:

Sunday 1st August	St Peter's Bekesbourne
Sunday 8th August	St Mary's Nackington
Sunday 15th August	St Mary's Patrixbourne
Sunday 22nd August	St Mary's Lower Hardres
Sunday 29th August	St Peter's Bridge

Today's Final Hymn

1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my
days;
let them flow in endless
praise.

2 Take my hands and let them
move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me
sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from
thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt
choose.

5 Take my will and make it
thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I
pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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